

Golden Prairie Public Library District
Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2022
5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
President called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Trustees Present: Stephen Peterson, Jim Russell, Kathy Vroman, Stephanie Walden, Ruth Novosad

Others Present: Amy Dunham, Jeanne Hamilton

Absent: Ary Anderson, Patti Salch
- III. Introductions
There were no introductions.
- IV. Public Comments
There were no public comments.
- V. President's Report
President Novosad had no report to share.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
A. August 17, 2022:
Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as distributed.
- VII. Old Business
A. Update on Annexations
The Board adjusted the original order of the agenda by unanimous consent. Robert Porter, Attorney with Costigan & Wollrab, P.C. spoke with the Board about the Library District Act and the criteria necessary to make a challenge to the court. Mr. Porter outlined the three different approaches the Board can decide to pursue regarding the area that was annexed by the Village of Downs: petition seeking declaratory relief, referendum, or voluntary annexation by homeowners. It is difficult to predict the price of each option, but Mr. Porter's fee is \$225 an hour. The Board discussed how they would like to proceed.
- STEPHEN PETERSON MOVED, STEPHANIE WALDEN SECONDED, TO RETAIN ROBERT PORTER, ATTORNEY WITH COSTIGAN & WOLLRAB, P.C. TO FILE A PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF UNDER THE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT ACT (75 ILCS 16) WITH THE MCLEAN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.
- YAYS: STEPHEN PETERSON, JIM RUSSELL, KATHY VROMAN, STEPHANIE WALDEN, RUTH NOVOSAD
- NAYS: NONE
- ABSENT: ARY ANDERSON, PATTI SALCH

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Staff Reports

- B. Director's Report: Jeanne Hamilton, Library Director, shared information on the Illinois Library Association Conference to be held in Rosemont, IL. The dates are October 18 – 20, 2022. Trustee Day is on Thursday, October 20. Jeanne told the Board about the Choose Your Own Adventure teen program series that was held at the end of summer reading. Jeanne also shared that the BPL Board expressed their extreme gratitude for GPPLD's donation toward the library expansion.
- C. Circulation and Outreach Report: Jeanne Hamilton thanked the GPPLD for their idea of moving a hotspot to the bookmobile – this change has been implemented. Caitlin Clyne reports that she saw 45 people at the Arrowsmith and Ellsworth Labor Day events. She did collect 12 surveys and will continue to offer the survey to patrons over the next month. Colleen plans to attend the GPPLD meeting in October to provide an update on the data collection from the surveys. Jeanne shared about our amazing Connect Transit partnership for the month of September. In honor of National Library Card Sign-Up month, if someone shows the driver on a Connect Transit bus their library card, they can ride the bus for free!
- D. Financial Report: Jeanne Hamilton, Library Director, shared that the Financial Report is in the Board packet. The last page of the report has the checks written and there is an error on the list for programming. The amount of the check should be \$4000 and not \$40,000. Per Capita Grant funds arrived in the GPPLD bank account in September, and the total was \$11,757.23. The Expenses and Revenues should be at 17% through August 31. Kathy has started pulling documents for the audit which will begin in October.

VIII. New Business

- A. Discuss April 2023 Election and Disburse 2023 Candidate Packets
The Board discussed the tasks and documents that need to be completed and the timeline for documents to be turned into Amy. Packets were distributed to candidates in attendance.

IX. Old Business

- A. Update on Annexations:
(See VII. above as this agenda item moved up by unanimous consent.)
- B. Marketing/User Data Discussion
Jim Russell shared his appreciation of Caitlin and her initiative in the Census research and user data. Discussion was held on how the user data will be used in developing and updating GPPLD's Strategic Plan. This topic will be added to the January 2023 agenda.

X. Comments from Board Trustees

There were no comments.

XI. Reminder

Next Board Meeting is October 19, 2022.

XII. Adjournment

President Novosad adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.